1	HOUSE BILL NO. 331
2	INTRODUCED BY G. OBLANDER, S. GIST, N. NICOL, T. SMITH
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT
5	FUNDING LAWS; REQUIRING 10% OF MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACCOUNT
6	TO BE USED TO REPAIR AREAS IMPACTED OR DAMAGED BY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; REVISING
7	DISTRIBUTION FOR GRANT AWARDS; AMENDING SECTION 23-2-825, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN
8	EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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12	Section 1. Section 23-2-825, MCA, is amended to read:
13	"23-2-825. Off-highway vehicle grant program. (1) Money deposited in the off-highway vehicle
14	account pursuant to 60-3-201 must be used by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to administer an off-
15	highway vehicle grant program to develop and maintain facilities open to the general public, to repair areas that
16	are impacted or damaged by off-highway vehicles, and to promote off-highway vehicle safety.
17	(2) Ten percent of the money deposited in the account must be granted for the promotion of off-
18	highway vehicle safety.
19	(3) Up to 10% Ten percent of the money deposited in the account may be used to repair areas that
20	are impacted or damaged by off-highway vehicles.
21	(4) The department may require an applicant to provide a 10% match in cash or donated services
22	to be eligible to receive a grant.
23	(5) After awarding a grant pursuant to this section, the department shall, distribute on request of
24	the grantee, make an initial distribution of 50% of the funding to the entity receiving the award with the other
25	50% to be distributed upon receipt by the department of expense receipts and proof of completion of the project
26	for which the money is awarded, a distribution of 40% on receipt by the department of expense receipts, and a
27	distribution of the final 10% of the funding on receipt by the department of proof of completion of the project for
28	which the money is awarded.



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1	(6) ENTITIES MAY USE GRANT FUNDS TO ACQUIRE VARIOUS HAND TOOLS AND CHAIN SAWS NEEDED TO
2	ACCOMPLISH TRAIL MAINTENANCE. THE GRANTEE SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT ON REQUEST AN ITEMIZED LIST
3	AND RECEIPTS FOR ALL PURCHASES OF HAND TOOLS AND CHAIN SAWS MADE USING GRANT FUNDS.
4	(6)(7) Entities receiving a grant may use up to 7% of the funds for administrative costs."
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6	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured
7	penalties that were incurred, proceedings that were begun, or grants awarded or applied for before [the
8	effective date of this act].
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10	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.
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